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Farewell to Abigail



Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) was sad to see their Manager Abigail Brown leave, as she has moved on to another role elsewhere.

We wish her all the best in her endeavours and appreciate all she has implemented and achieved during her time at the Centre and her links to the local community.

Abigail came to the Centre as a Project Coordinator and

became Manager when the existing CNC Manager moved on. Abigail focused on supporting the community. Those positive changes for the Centre and the wider community were evident in her achieving funding for:-

The Community garden being fenced to provide safe access for the pre-schoolers.

Our Community festivals, markets and other events having

age appropriate activities provided.

A variety of community groups which were provided with lunch and some form of entertainment.

A musical event which supported our local businesses.

Those who needed to attend Breast Screen Australia appointments.

The "Cancer Shave for a Cure

Day" by having her own hair shaved off.

Abigail not only supported the community but all those who attended the Centre, whether it was a staff member, tutor, volunteer or participant of one of our many activities or classes.

Many appreciated her friendly manner and would leave the Centre with a smile on their face.

We will miss Abigail and

her participants as they staged many humorous entertaining pantomimes at the volunteer dinners and end of year parties.

During the month of March Churchill Neighbourhood Centre has had Rachael Perrott as Acting Manager.

She has been doing a fantastic job holding the fort and keeping the Centre the friendly and active space that it aims to be.



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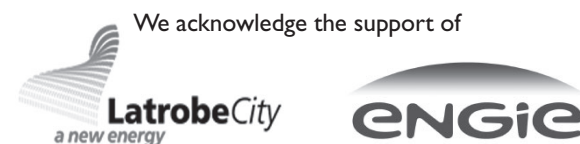
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Shop Local Market

The next Churchill – Shop Local market will be held at the Churchill Shopping Centre on Saturday April 30, from 9am to 1pm.

A range of craft and market stalls will be located around the shopping centre (both at Hazelwood Village and West Place).

The market is being held a week before Mother's Day on Sunday May 8, so it is an excellent opportunity to find that special gift for Mum, Nanna or Grandma!

Some of our local retailers will have bargain tables or specials on the Shop Local market day, and even the Lifeline Opportunity Shop will be open during the morning in support of our Shop Local campaign.

A number of Lucky Shoppers buying items from our local stores will be rewarded with shopping vouchers to spend in-store at nominated retail businesses. Lucky Shoppers are randomly selected as they go about their shopping during the market event.

Buy a coffee, do your grocery shopping, grab a newspaper or a loaf of bread, get your hair done or prescription filled, you might just be one of the winners of a \$10 voucher or even a \$50 supermarket voucher!

The aim of Shop Local is to encourage folk to support our local retailers and keep our shopping centre thriving. We hope to see a big crowd at Churchill Shopping Centre on the morning of Saturday April 30.

There will be a free sausage sizzle near the Post Office outside West Place. Free musical entertainment will be in the foyer area of Hazelwood Village too, just to add to the atmosphere!

Latrobe Valley Neighbourhood Watch will be on hand and ready to replace your number-plate screws with anti-theft screws so thieves cannot help themselves to your vehicle plates. A small donation would be appreciated for this service.

The Neighbourhood Watch crew is also cooking

a free sausage sizzle at Hazelwood Village in the carpark outside the Churchill Newsagent, so you can park, get your anti-theft number-plate screws fitted, grab a free sausage, browse the market stalls and do a bit of shopping. Churchill – Shop Local is a partnership between CDCA, Churchill Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) and the Churchill & District News. We will be hosting a couple of more market days later in the year.

We have a Facebook page, "Churchill shop local". You can keep up with dates of forthcoming Shop Local events, make inquiries and find out more. Find us on Facebook, Like and Follow!

Recycling at the Hub

CDCA also partners with CNC and CD News for our local recycling program, based at the Churchill Community Hub.

We are very pleased to announce that, once again, you can drop off your plastic milk bottle lids in the Hub foyer for recycling, but nothing larger than clean milk bottle lids please.

That means we do not accept Vegemite jar lids or any large plastic jar lids. Plastic lids must be marked either 2 or 4 and no bigger than the lids on plastic milk

containers for example, lids from plastic fruit juice bottles are fine.

If in doubt, keep your plastic milk bottle tops only for our program at the Hub but otherwise please put all your other plastic jar lids in your recycling bin.

Our volunteers really do not have the time to be sorting through a large volume of plastic lids to weed out the wrong ones. Nor can we ship them off for recycling if there is an assortment of wrong lids included, this will jeopardise our program and result in our collection being refused when we attempt to deliver them for recycling.

There is a range of items you can drop off at the Churchill Community Hub for recycling, thanks to our volunteers and Latrobe City Council. Have a look around next time you visit the Hub or check out the advertisement in this issue of the News.

CDCA meetings are held on the first Thursday of every second month. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday June 2, 2022 in Studio 1, downstairs at the Churchill Town Hall. Please enter from Philip Parade.

Local residents are welcome to attend and observe or you can apply for membership of CDCA by downloading an application form from our website: cdca.org.au - membership is free and there are no obligations although participation is encouraged.

You can contact us via our website or our Facebook page (search for Churchill District Community Association) or you can write to us at PO Box 191, Churchill.

Rainfall

Churchill Rainfall

The March Rainfall was again below average with only 37.5mm being recorded.

However, at Yinnar, up to 150mm was reported in less than two hours for one day.

The Churchill 2022 Rainfall total to March inclusive is 99mm, the seventh lowest in the 3-month period from January – March, in the last 30 years. This is a reasonable indication that Churchill's total rainfall for 2022 may be below average.

Rain at Hazelwood South

Typical of March, not

much happened. Warm to mild temperatures, two wettish days plus a few dribbles of rain.

The total for the month was 48.6mm which is 10% above the average for March. Hazelwood South had

14% less rain than the Latrobe Valley weather station. For the year, Hazelwood South rain is 23% below the average.

The green grass hides the very low soil moisture. Those on tank water need to keep a check on the levels.

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Cooking with Noelene

Nutty fudge

I love preparing fudge and this is so simple. Place 120 gm of butter/margarine in a pan along with 375gm of choc bits and 1 cup of crunchy peanut butter.

Stir consistently until the mixture is smooth.

Remove from the heat and add 1 cup of icing sugar, spoon into a well greased slice pan (20 cm).

Place in the refrigerator until set.

Cut into squares, keep in the refrigerator.

Prawn risi bisi

In cooking class recently we prepared prawn risotto.

My aim was to break down the myths of risotto and for the class to prepare a great rice dish.

But just when you know it all, I want to share with you another rice dish - prawn risi bisi.

This is very simple, cook 1 cup of rice in 1 cup of apple cider vinegar and 1 cup of water.

Add 500gm of cooked green peas and 500gm of cooked prawns, season to taste with salt, cracked pepper and sriracha (optional).

Place in a pan with a good dash of peanut oil.

Toss the peas and prawns through the rice over a low heat until heated through.

Spoon the mixture into heated bowls and garnish with fresh dill and finely grated parmesan cheese.

Phad thai

Place 250 gm of rice stick noodles in large heatproof bowl, cover with boiling water, leave until just tender, then drain.

Lightly spray with cooking oil, separate and set aside.

Heat an oiled frypan and stir fry 500 gm of skinless chicken thigh fillets, thinly sliced.

Add 1 tbs of minced garlic, 1 tbs of minced ginger, you can add 2 small red chillies with seeds

included, or a little sriracha (optional).

Stir fry until the chicken is slightly browned.

Now add 2 tbs of chopped palm sugar, 2 tbs of soy sauce, 1/4 cup (60 ml) of sweet chilli sauce, 1 tbs of fish sauce and 1 tbs of lime juice.

Stir fry until the sauce thickens slightly.

Add the drained vermicelli stick noodles, 3 spring onions sliced on an angle, 80 gms of bean sprouts and 80 gm of pea sprouts.

Stir fry until hot.

Serve with fresh coriander leaves, coarsely chopped.

Mocha self saucing pudding

Mocha was the name originally given to the name of a Middle Eastern seaport from which premium Arabic coffee was exported.

The word mocha has evolved to describe the heavenly combination of coffee and chocolate.

Preheat your oven to 160 deg C.

Mix 150 gm of self raising flour with 2 tbs of Dutch cocoa powder, 165 gm of castor sugar, 1 dsp of instant coffee powder into 1.25 litre (5 cup) ovenproof dish.

Now stir in 25 ml of milk and 1 tbs of rice bran oil.

Mix together 100gm (1/2 cup) of soft brown sugar 1 and 1/2 tbs of Dutch cocoa powder, 1/2 tsp of instant coffee powder.

Sift the mixture evenly over the flour mixture in the ovenproof dish.

Gently pour over 310 ml (1 and 1/4 cups) of boiling water.

Bake the pudding uncovered in the preheated oven for about 45 minutes. Serve dusted with icing sugar.



Yangchow fried rice

Cook 250gm of long grain rice in boiling salted water until grains thicken, drain and rinse under running water, set aside and allow the rice to become cold.

Drain 400gm can of whole mushrooms and slice the caps in half, mix through a 227gm drained can of bamboo shoots, add 75 gm of green peas, 150 gm of cooked prawns and 120 gm of chopped ham.

Set aside.

In separate bowl beat together 3 eggs with one spring onion finely chopped.

Heat a fry pan with 2 tbs of peanut oil and scramble the eggs and set aside.

Now in a clean pan heat 3 tbs of peanut oil and add the vegetable mix along with the prawns and ham.

Add the rice and 2 tbs of soy sauce, stirring to separate the rice grains.

Finally add the scrambled eggs, breaking them into small pieces.

Stir through a little sriracha (optional).

Garnish with the thinly sliced green portion of a spring onion.

This is a great Friday night meal.



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Church News



Chaplain

Because the Christian message often speaks of 'giving thanks', we may assume that is just for the good things. However, what about giving thanks for all things?

We may know of Corrie ten Boom. Her story of faith in horrific circumstances is inspiring. During WW2, she helped hide Jews in her home and then smuggled them to safety. When she and her family were arrested, Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to a women's labour concentration camp. Their room was far from ideal...with not enough space to move around, as there were so many women tightly packed in. To make matters worse, it was infested with fleas.

"How can we live in such a place?" Corrie wondered, but together the sisters read God's Word and Betsie took seriously the words "give thanks in all circumstances" (from 1 Thessalonians 5:18). She began thanking God for everything in the room, prompting Corrie to repeat after her. When Betsie thanked God for the fleas, Corrie responded, "There's

no way even God can make me thankful for a flea." In response Betsie told her, "Fleas are part of this place where God has put us." Still harbouring doubt in her heart, Corrie thanked God for even the fleas.

Betsie was right! The women started to notice that the guards were staying away from their room, giving them hours of alone time after their work. This gave the sisters the freedom to lead worship services for the other prisoners using a Bible they had smuggled in. They read God's Word together and prayed. Some of the prisoners even came to believe in Christ as a result. Then they realised why the guards were avoiding their room, they were wary of getting fleas! When it seemed like everything was stripped from them, here was evidence that God cared about them! Fleas were God's way of providing a means by which these suffering women could be near to Him through His Word.

In recent times, when it seemed the whole world shut down at the start of the



pandemic, the fear of illness and social isolation made daily life seem burdensome, uncertain, and difficult. Yet, the slow pace also reminded many that we were made not only for work but also for rest. In this absence of people, places, and events, some were discovering the healing of a season of slower days, and an even greater appreciation for the people and places missed. Plus, an even greater thankfulness for the God who is faithful in seasons of health and illness, plenty and scarcity, work, and rest.

In the time since the pandemic started, there seem to be many reasons to complain, rather than give thanks. Maybe we should look and see God's presence even when so many things seem to be falling apart? Maybe we could see His provision even during illness, loneliness, isolation, and fear?

As a sick Betsie later told Corrie before she died, "There is no pit so deep that He (God) is not deeper still." With Corrie ten Boom, we can give thanks that God has not left us alone or without hope, even in the most unexpected of places, like in a flea-infested room in a concentration camp!

Worth thinking about!

Co-Operating Church Snippets



COVID restrictions are slowly lifting but there are still some regulations to observe. These change frequently and it is helpful when our parent churches email us the latest changes.

We have had some special services to take us along our Lenten road to the cross.

Cathie has prepared and taken Lenten studies with those who want to be involved.

An Ash Wednesday service was held, when palm crosses were burnt and ashes smeared on foreheads. Reverend Kathy Dalton spoke about the temptation of Jesus and how he quoted scripture to defeat the Devil. She also spoke about giving up something for Lent or making a special effort to draw near to Jesus on his journey to the cross.

On the Second Sunday in Lent. We are asked to use this time to draw nearer to God and to remember that Jesus loves us so much he set his face to Jerusalem, where many previous prophets had died so that he could die for our sins and give us everlasting life.

Luke 13: 34 says "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your

children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me."

Here is the text from which the whole season of Lent - the image of Christ who wants to gather us up, to protect us, to redeem us.

There should be a sense of grace abounding, a sense of acceptance and love. We move forward not in fear of the God who calls us to account, but in joy of the one who will set our feet on right paths. We are loved, and we are called to proclaim that good news with our every breath.

March 20 was our AGM. It was a time to re-elect our Parish Council, and celebrate the year that was. Even though we were often interrupted by COVID restrictions we still achieved quite a lot.

We look forward to celebrating Easter with



Lumen Christi at Tenebrae and Good Friday.

One of our special parishioners Pat Hunter celebrated her 80th birthday at church with us.

A lovely cake was cut by Pat after she blew out the candles and received a beautiful bunch of magnificent dahlias.

We were able to share the cake and wish Pat a very happy birthday.

Anne spoke of Pat's amazing contribution to our parish life, most of which is done without fuss or fanfare, but done with love and care.

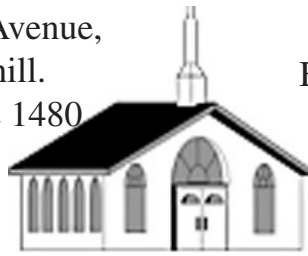
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Churchill Christian Fellowship

By the time this issue of Churchill & District News comes out, we expect our fellowship to be starting work on the building that will be our church home for at least the next five years. For several months now, we have been in negotiations with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to renovate and use the old Hazelwood South hall on Tramway Road. The sign on the front of the building just says Hazelwood, but that is another story.

The DELWP were naturally keen to see the building restored and we have been without a viable church venue since November last year. We have also been very keen to get the ball rolling, as it were.

Of course, a lot of work will need to be carried out before we can hold our first meetings in the hall. Roofing and guttering repairs are urgent. Part of the ceiling needs to be fixed. The old switchboard needs to be replaced. There are plumbing issues to be sorted out, and a great deal of cleaning, painting and general handy person work will

have to be done before the hall can be fitted out for its new use.

The Churchill Christian Fellowship will pay for the repairs up front and, in return, be licensed to use the hall for a very reasonable annual rental, to be reassessed after five years.

A donation page has been set up for anyone who would like to help with this important project. The address is <https://www.givewy.com/campaigns/1886>. Perhaps there are other people who would like to join us in more practical ways as well.

Churchill Christian Fellowship has been active in Churchill for almost 40 years. Many people will remember that we were based for many years in Maple Crescent. Our vision is "To be a servant church that will transform our community by transforming the lives of its people and families." Perhaps transforming an old hall that has meant so much to so many people over the years will be a good start.

Find us online at churchillchristianfellowship.com or call Steve on 0409 173 747.

Greater Glider population thrown a lifeline in Latrobe

A research project is underway to study and strengthen the population of the Greater Glider possum, the largest gliding mammal in Australia.

Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network, Latrobe City Council, Federation University and Greening Australia are working together to protect Greater Gliders, which are listed as a threatened species in Victoria.

The project is supported by a \$50,000 Community Volunteer Action Grant from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

Until early 2018, records of Glider populations within the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas were low, with the 2019/20 bushfires also impacting previously recorded populations in East Gippsland.

Fortunately, Greening Australia has added 118 Greater Glider records within the southern portion of Latrobe City and adjoining South Gippsland Shire. These records now represent some of the highest densities of Greater Gliders known in Victoria.

Mayor of Latrobe City, Councillor Kellie O'Callaghan said the discovery of the Greater Gliders on the outskirts of Boolarra highlighted the richness of biodiversity to be found in Latrobe City.

"Members of our community would not likely have been aware that such a rare and impressive native animal lives in our municipality," said Councillor O'Callaghan.

"Council's 2021-2025 Community Vision highlights the importance of nurturing and respecting Latrobe City's natural environment, supported by key actions to improve and protect biodiversity, waterways and bushland reserves.



As part of this commitment, Latrobe City Council has partnered in this exciting initiative to install 25 custom-designed nest boxes in a section of bushland south of Boolarra.

Once installed, nest boxes will be monitored using digital cameras to determine whether and how animals are using them," said Councillor O'Callaghan.

Federation University PhD student, Cassey Briggs, will document the presence of the federally listed Greater Glider to better understand the population size, their range and estimated family groups.

The project will also bring together local schools and community members to participate in surveys and spotlight tours.

Latrobe Catchment

Landcare Network Facilitator, Marnie Ellis said the project helps to deliver the objectives of the Victorian Government's Protecting Victoria's Environment - Biodiversity 2037 Plan.

"The project will foster an increased understanding of Greater Gliders while also supporting the growth of healthy populations by alleviating the threats posed from a lack of suitable tree hollows by installing nest boxes for denning and breeding opportunities," Marnie said.

"Results from previous programs have shown that these nest boxes also have potential to support a variety of other native animals such as owls, parrots and possums, which will be a positive consequence to the project."

St Matt's Op Shop

After a closure over Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Easter Monday, St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar will open again for business on Thursday April 21.

We have plenty of children's books and toys to keep the kids busy over the school holidays, and a rummage through our treasures is a great way to spend a rainy afternoon.

Do not forget Mother's Day is just around the corner on May 8!

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For all our news including upcoming sales and events, search for "St Matt's Op Shop Yinnar" on Facebook.



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Hazelwood Cemetery



By Leo Billington
How people are remembered and not remembered

John David Tulloch was born in 1886, son of Hannah and William Tulloch. Alongside four older siblings, Christina, Robert, James, and Samuel, he was born in Richmond and raised in a friendly, rather busy residence proudly named "Orkney" in Hazelwood Road, Morwell.

After a short, sudden illness, Hannah passed away on August 19, 1904. William died 15 years later on November 27, 1919.

John David Tulloch enlisted in the Australian Infantry Forces (AIF), aged 29 years and 7 months, on July 7, 1915. His occupation was listed as storekeeper. One year later, he was killed in action in France, at the

Battle of Fleurbaix. Initially, he was reported as "missing in France; wounded." About three months earlier, he had been promoted to sergeant.

The Battle of Fleurbaix was fought over the period July 19, and July 20, 1916, and became known for a brief time as such, but eventually the name of Fromelles stuck and today it is by that name that the battle is known. John David did not survive long beyond the attack which began at 6 pm on July 19.

He was subsequently buried in Canadian Cemetery No.2 - situated near Armentieres, France. The cemetery was begun by Canadian units in March 1915, and used as a front-line cemetery until July 1916; it contains 313 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and one German grave.

There are two important

aspects to John David's story.

First, his father, William Tulloch floated the Great Morwell Coal Mining Company in 1888. More will be written about this company during this year.

Secondly, and far more striking, a bronze plaque commemorating John David's service is conspicuous by its absence.

John Walsh

enlisted in the AIF at Melbourne, aged 21 years and 3 months. His place of birth was Yinnar and army records show his occupation as being a farmer. His parents were Ann and Michael Walsh, both of whom had passed away before John died in action on May 2, 1918 in France.

As the youngest son, John felt a duty to enlist for "King and country". His death was officially reported on May 10. An obituary was published in the Morwell Advertiser on September 12, 1918 - a late consequence of difficulties confronting communications from overseas.

John was a member the 38th Battalion and died from wounds received while on fighting patrol after being in the firing line for about 12 months. He had not reached his 22nd birthday.

John's sergeant, in a letter to family relatives during September 1918

wrote

"He gave up all, his life, at its most sweetest stage, to help his country in its most critical affairs, and had an honourable death; so honourable that no subsequent happening in this world can either blemish or blot out. All the boys in the platoon send their deepest sympathy, for it was Jack's kind and unassuming manner that made him such a favourite with everyone."

Before his death, John had been admitted to the 61st Casualty Clearing Station (known as CCS) in England.

The Casualty Clearing Station was part of the casualty evacuation chain, further back from the front line than the Aid Posts and Field Ambulances. It was manned by troops of the Royal Army Medical Corps, with attached Royal Engineers and men of the Army Service Corps.

The job of the CCS was to treat a man sufficiently for his return to duty or, in most cases, to enable him to be evacuated to a Base Hospital. It was not a place for a long-term stay. At times, certain CCS were given the more specialised role of operating a rest camp, convalescent unit or hospital for casualties of nervous conditions.

From his book, E. Fairey, *The 38th Battalion A.I.F.: The story and official history of the 38th Battalion A.I.F.*, (Bendigo: 38th Battalion History Committee, 1920) provides a snapshot of what the 38th Battalion endured in France at the time.

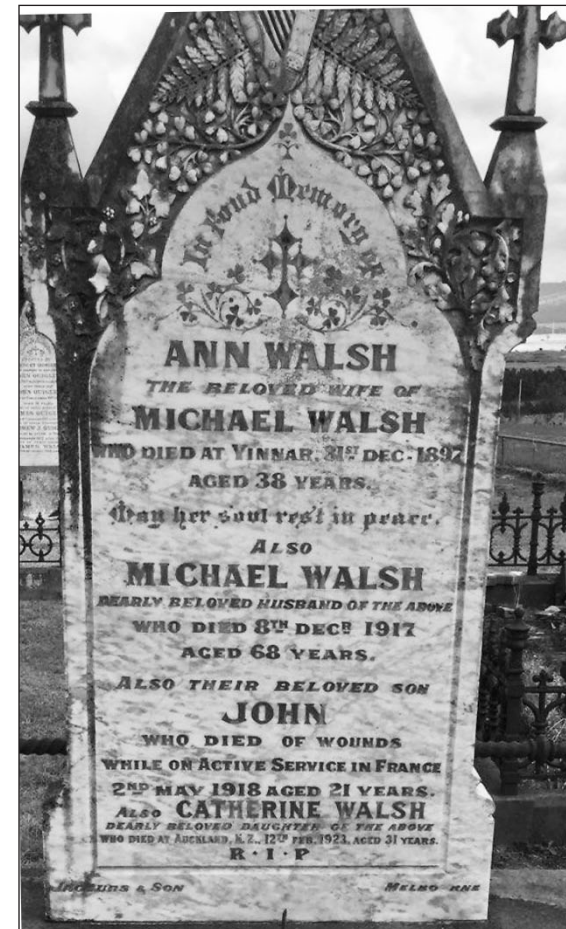
'The 38th fought in its first major battle at

Messines, in Belgium, between June 7 and 9, 1917. It fought in another two major attacks in this sector - the battle of Broodseinde on October 4, and the battle of Passchendaele on October 12. Broodseinde was a success, reflecting careful planning and preparation, but the 38th still suffered 29 per cent casualties. Passchendaele, however, was a disaster, executed in haste amidst horrendous conditions brought on by torrential rain.

It was the 38th's most costly operation of the war, resulting in 62 per cent casualties. Belgium remained the focus of the 38th Battalion's activities for the next five months,

until it was rushed south to France in late March 1918 to meet the German Army's Spring Offensive. The Allies launched their own offensive on August 8, 1918, but the 38th was in reserve on this day and did not play an active role. It was involved, however, in an ill-conceived attack that failed to capture the village of Proyart on August 10. Undaunted, the battalion continued to play an active role throughout August and early September in the 3rd Division's advance along the Somme Valley.'

As mentioned above, a bronze plaque commemorating John's service is conspicuous by its absence.



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In the past couple of months there have been some concerns about younger people doing the wrong thing after hours around town.

These things include throwing items off the Monash way bridge down onto McDonald Way and placing things on the roads around town that would be a hazard to motorists especially in dark hours.

Keep an eye out for people doing the wrong thing.

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Churchill CHATTER



More houses being built in and around Churchill

Heavy rainfall

Yinnar folk were astounded when 175 millimetres of rain fell in 90 minutes on Tuesday March 15. The rain was horizontal at times and at intervals hail hurtled down. A local farmer said he had never seen anything like it during his 30 years farming in the area.

The football oval was also under water at a depth of one metre in places. Several householders in and around the town were affected with water coming into their homes. Even the Yinnar pub had to close that evening, due to inundation.

Bizarrely the deluge was very localised with places like Churchill down the road getting hardly any rain!

Missing ATM

It is disappointing to see that the well used ATM at Yinnar is no longer in place having been closed down. Bendigo Bank now suggest that we go to Mirboo North, Moe or Traralgon to do our banking.

New Manager

Nathan Brown is the new manager at Churchill Neighbourhood Centre. Welcome to Nathan, his wife and the two family Bernese Mountain dogs Lily and Daisy. Lily was the first certified therapy dog to work fulltime in an Early Learning Centre in Australia

Nathan is looking forward to introducing himself to you, hearing your stories and working with the community.

Churchill Market

Do not forget the next Churchill Shop Local craft and market stalls to be held in a few days time at our shopping centre. There will be many stalls at both Hazelwood Village and West Place. Come along for great bargains and a chance to chat with your neighbours.

Local Fire Brigade News

Boolarra, Yinnar South and Churchill Fire Brigades

had a "play day" with the compressed-air foam system (CAFS) tanker last month.

After a BBQ breakfast and regular Sunday radio checks they headed off to their foam training spot and practised the basics of using the CAFS tanker. A great morning was had by all. Thanks to all brigades for attending the training "play" day.

Illegal fires were lit at Mathison Park during February. The police are appealing for any witness who may have been in the area at that time to come forward with more information.

Thought for the month

Look to the future, because this is where you will spend the rest of your life.

Next Edition

Next edition of Churchill News will again be available on Wednesday May 18 at your favourite places.

Infinite Splendours

Sofie Laguna is a decorated Australian writer who was born in Sydney and studied law. She worked as an actor and is now a writer and playwright, currently living in Melbourne. She has written for children and adults and her second novel, "The Eye of the Sheep" won the 2015 Miles Franklin Award. Her other books include "One Foot Wrong" and "The Choke".

This story is set in the Southern Grampians area of Victoria and begins in 1953. Two isolated houses side by side are overshadowed by Wallis, the nearest peak, and living in the houses are Mrs Barry, an elderly widow and Louise Loman with her two sons, ten year old Lawrence and eight year old Paul. Their father was a pilot in World War Two and was killed before Paul was born.

Louise is a strict mother and the boys are forbidden to do anything she considers dangerous, such as go into the bunker in the back yard or climb Wallis.

Lawrence, who is a good student and an exceptional artist, is given the responsibility of caring for Paul when Louise is at work.

When news comes that Louise's brother Reggie is coming to stay there is excitement and preparation of the house.

Lawrence is looking forward to having a father figure in the home. Paul is indifferent, and often plays the role of his father, shooting down German planes.

While Louise is going to collect Reggie, Lawrence and Paul climb Wallis and get home just in time before the arrival of Louise and Reggie. Paul takes an instant dislike to him but Lawrence is enthralled by his stories. When Reggie recognises Lawrence's artistic talent he buys him art materials and a book of 'Letters from the Masters'. Reggie encourages

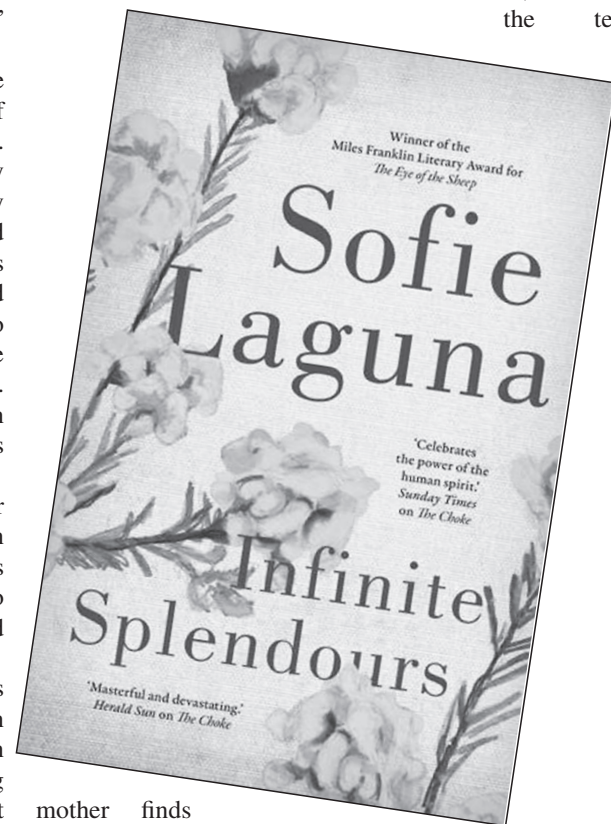
Book Review

Louise to have a social life and it is while she is out that Reggie begins his sexual assaults on Lawrence, culminating in a vicious attack which sees Reggie leave.

From this point, Lawrence begins to stammer, he loses interest in school and becomes isolated, turning to his art to find some meaning. His

this story confronting, disturbing and desperately sad. It outlines a typical case of child sexual assault with a person who is usually known to the family grooming a child with gifts and special attention, then threatening them with consequences if they tell anyone.

The book really raised more questions than answers for us, such as why the teacher



mother finds work for him at the dairy where she works, but he is beaten and labelled a weirdo after befriending a young boy called Colin, so he leaves his job and withdraws completely from society.

Louise dies and leaves Lawrence the house and her small pension, and Paul basically cares for him from afar, as he has a job and family of his own.

Mrs Barry has long passed on and eventually a new family comes to live in her home. Lawrence is very upset by this but eventually befriends the young boy who lives there. This concerns his mother, and his sister is openly aggressive toward him. The story comes to a conclusion with a fire.

Our book group found

did not question the sudden and dramatic change in Lawrence, but even more so why didn't his mother. It was a time when such things were not talked about as openly and caused shame, but was it too awful for her to contemplate?

Lawrence displayed the typical behaviours of someone who has been abused with his loss of interest in his studies, his eating disorder, his suicidal thoughts and his withdrawal from society.

We could not say this was an enjoyable book, but it was well written and characters believable. We felt it was a bit wordy and too much time was spent on the 'Letters from the Masters'.

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A free sausage sizzle was cooked by the Churchill Fire Brigade members. There were give-aways, chocolates and balloons as well as face painting for the children and not so young.



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March Activity Report

For the regular activity we had Ken, Matt, Mike, Cathy, Graeme, Rose, Tamara, Gordon and Darren. Along with the regular members of our group we also had Cathy, John, Rachel and Sharon. We had apologies from Beryl and Anita. We were greeted with a beautiful evening.

In the picnic area Cathy was busily erecting a mothing sheet for later and far overhead there was a koala watching our activities. Over the last few months Park staff have fixed the main gate after a large tree fell and the gate post was lifted when the tree's root ball came out of the ground. The directional sign at

the beginning of the Foster Gully Walk has also been replaced. A new sign has been erected on Junction Road at the Billys Creek entry to the park. Dinner was enjoyed by all and it was a collection of cold meats, chicken and a variety of salads. Cathy had done a wonderful job of putting this all together and the cheesecake and chocolate cake, both homemade, were also greatly enjoyed. After dinner we had a short meeting. Gordon reported that both the brush cutter and chainsaw are now repaired and ready for future use. Matt has looked into the charging of the pole mounted cameras and has decided that a battery pack for the existing cameras is

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around Fosters Gully. It was a lovely calm evening for a night walk. There was a lot of animal movement both on ground and in the tree canopy. On the spotlight walk the group saw multiple friendly swamp wallabies, at least two greater gliders, sugar gliders, many ringtail possums, bobucks, the mountain brushtail possum, another koala and an owl nightjar. Many bird calls were heard. Since we were enjoying this walk most of the group completed the full Fosters Gully circuit. The walk finished at Matt's mothing sheet where a wide array of moths could be found. The group then drifted to Cathy's mothing sheet to find a different collection of moths, including a dragonfly and a butterfly, both strange night-time visitors. It was a good night for moths, being a calm evening with no clouds. One new moth species (to the park) was found.

the best option. Matt left to set up a second mothing sheet on the main track between the carpark and the shed, while the rest of us socialised, (what an unusual concept!) awaiting nightfall. When it was fully dark, Cathy, Ken and Matt started observing the early arrivals around the mothing sheets. The rest of the group went for a spotlight walk

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40th Anniversary of Darren Mclean's Sacrifice

Churchill Fire Brigade recently acknowledged the 40th anniversary of Darren Mclean's passing.

The service was held on the front lawn of the Churchill Fire Station in front of Darren's memorial on Monday March 7, 2022. Captain Shane Renwick welcomed members, guests and Darren's father Barry who spoke of Darren.

Darren McLean was a dedicated volunteer firefighter who gave his life in the service of his community.

He was only 17.

Darren was a young man who joined the Churchill/Jeeralang Rural Fire Brigade, as the brigade was then called, in late 1980.

Records show that he attended his first brigade meeting on December 2,

1980 and was called out to his first fire call on January 23, 1981.

This also coincided with his first brigade training night.

Darren was a keen young firefighter who was always willing to learn and take part in brigade training, meetings and other activities.

He was a member of the brigade team that attended the state rural fire brigade demonstration at Whittlesea in April 1981 and was also a member of the tanker crew for apex bonfire night in November that year.

Darren was a talented film maker and filmed brigade activities whenever he could and also made a number of short home movies.

Darren and his mate Glen Sharman organised a number



of movie nights as a brigade social activity.

On February 14, 1982 the brigade was called to a grass and scrub fire up the Middle Creek Road in Yinnar South.

Darren was a crew member on the Churchill/Jeeralang tanker.

Whilst returning from the fire for water the tanker stopped to let another tanker past.

While stopped, the road collapsed and the tanker rolled over into Middle Creek with a number of the crew being injured.

Darren was the most seriously injured as the tanker had rolled on top of him, trapping him underneath in the creek.

Rescue operations were immediately put into operation to free Darren.

Darren and the other



injured crew members were transported to the Traralgon hospital by ambulance.

The doctors stabilised Darren before having him airlifted to Melbourne for further treatment.

On March 7, 1982 Darren died from complications as a result of his injuries.

President Allan Larkin read the Fireman's prayer. People were invited to lay a green token on Darren's memorial outside.

A light supper with an opportunity to reminisce followed.



Harriet Shing



I hope everyone has enjoyed a wonderful Easter break and had a chance to spend time with friends and family.

There is so much happening across the region, and after so much uncertainty in the last two years, it is wonderful to see our schools full and people heading back to working face-to-face.

To make sure that we can stay as healthy and protected as possible in the seasons where colds and flu are easily spread, I encourage you to book your flu shot and continue with the habits that have become part of our daily life – thorough handwashing and hand sanitiser, RATs or PCR tests if you have symptoms, and masks if you're sick or where illness will put your own health or the health of others at risk.

If you haven't booked your third COVID vaccination yet, please head to one of the many vaccination clinics across the region, including in Churchill, Morwell, Traralgon, and Moe.

In other news, we have continued to support workers who have been worst hit by the pandemic,

by announcing a two year pilot for a Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee, which will give casual and contract workers in a range of industries access to up to five days of sick leave a year paid at the national minimum wage.

To check your eligibility and register head to www.service.vic.gov.au

We have also changed the law so that labour hire workers in Victoria now have the same OHS protections as direct employees, which will give these workers greater certainty and recognition of right to a safe workplace.

The recent opening of the TAFE Gippsland Morwell Skills and Training Centre by the Premier, Minister for Skills and Training is another milestone for the region as our transition and development work continues and is so important for apprentices and trainees who want to train, qualify, and work closer to home.

Completion of the new Sale campus and upgrades at Warragul will be more important news to celebrate over the coming months.

To expand access to training, we have just announced \$61.6 million for 10,000 extra priority places in industries with

skills shortages, that will provide students with more opportunities to reskill and retrain.

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus program is still running and open for Concession Card holders in Victoria, so if you have not already applied and received your payment, please feel free to contact my office and they can help you with making an application.

As your local representative, I am always looking to hear from you about important issues in the community as our record investment into the region continues.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office by email at harriet.shing@parliament.vic.gov.au or by phone on (03) 5134 8000.

program supporting women and their children who have experienced family violence.

Federation University Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley said "It is wonderful to see graduates coming together with their family and friends to celebrate this achievement at graduation ceremonies across our campuses. Our students are graduating with the skills employers need, along with incredible resilience built over the past two years as they adapted to new ways of learning."



Federation University Australia is celebrating the success of 200 graduates with a ceremony at its Churchill Campus in Gippsland recently. The students are among 1500 across the university's campuses to mark the education milestone in front of family, friends and their classmates last month, following two years of adapting to new ways of learning during the global pandemic. Among the Gippsland graduates is University Medallist Julie Marriott who completed a

Bachelor of Community and Human Services, achieving a perfect GPA of 7.00. Julie received commendations from the Dean of the School of Arts for outstanding academic achievement in five semesters of her studies and excelled during placements at Positive Minds Gippsland and Newborough East Primary School, also becoming a student mentor to her peers. This commitment led to Julie securing employment with Anglicare Victoria even before her final semester, where she works on the TRAK Forward



1982

Branch library

Recipe for a branch library: Take years of discussion, truckloads of shelving, many desks, chairs, and tables, 411 cartons of books, plus several weeks of hard work, and behold in early March 1982 the result will be a new Churchill library.

Exchange Student

Churchill has a Rotary exchange student. She is 16 year old Andrea Leong from Auckland, New Zealand, who is at present the guest of Donna White and parents Lois and Eric, staying in Williams Avenue Churchill. Andrea is here under the Rotary Twin Exchange organised by the Hazelwood Rotary Club.

Difference between Australia and New Zealand according to Andrea were "It is so hot! The dryness of Victoria, nothing is green, the Aussie accent, Aussie roads are so long, straight and flat and the distances people have to travel." The thing that made Andrea feel at home was McDonalds.

Fire brigade

"When I first heard the call that the tanker had gone into the creek, I did not realise the seriousness until I drove around the location from where I was stationed.

The truck was upside down in about 18 inches of water, and when I was informed that there were men still under the truck I feared the worst, so it was a miracle that no one was killed, another 6 inches of water would have told another story."

Dog owners

For some time now Postmen attached to the Churchill Post Office have been menaced by dogs when performing their daily mail deliveries.

Recently one woman was bitten three times on the same day.

Newsboys corner

A certain newsboy who shall be nameless dropped a large cement block on his finger last week. He still has his finger but it is longer and

flatter than the one on the other hand and oh! what a lovely shade of purple it is.

Churchill Apex Club

In four years the Club has achieved many things for the betterment of Churchill and District.

These included 2000 trees planted at Mathison Park, helped to form a Blood Bank at the Community Health Centre, and build playground equipment for Watsons Park. A Handyman service for financially disadvantaged and physically handicapped people was formed in the district.

About with the Scouts

1st Churchill Scout Group

Scouts, Cubs and Venturers have resumed for 1982. This year is going to be very busy with many fund raising efforts to assist the 1st Churchill Scouts who wish to attend the Jamboree at Ipswich in Queensland.

Spot the player!

In the two photos below are two Churchill Football Club Players.

If you can correctly name the two players you can win \$10.

All you have to do is write the names on the back of an envelope and send it in to us.

The first correct entry to be drawn will win \$10....

Politics

On Saturday March 27, the Churchill Citizens Association presented a Forum of the Local Political Candidates.

Each candidate spoke for 10 minutes and at the end questions were invited from the audience. A disappointing and small number of people took the opportunity to hear the

aspirants.

Fun run

Morwell athletic club held a Fun Run for the Latrobe Valley Festival. It was sponsored by the S.E.C. Eight boys from Churchill North Primary School were entered by their teachers Mr. Clarke and Mr Batza, who were also entered in the Fun Run. All the boys completed the course which was 7.5kms long, and there were 110 runners in it.

Brigade banter

The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Well done Churchill. You raised just under \$2,000, and a special thank you from the Churchill Fire Brigade which raised the great sum of \$1,002 from the Door Knock appeal on Good Friday in just over three hours.

Churchill marching girls

The Churchill marching girls had a trip to Shepparton on Sunday for their last competition of the season. The girls had a happy day together, and were jubilant when the Pioneers team won second place.

Churchill Neighbourhood group

Good news from the Churchill Neighbourhood group. We have our house at last. The Housing Commission have been kind enough to grant us the use of 39 Amaroo Drive for use as a Neighbourhood House.

School cycle camp

In April Churchill North Primary School children went on a weeklong touring cycling camp. Places visited were Scrubby Creek, Railway Weir, Quarry Reserve, Valencia Creek, Briagalong, Bushy Park and the Stratford Museum.

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Strzelecki Koala and Eucalyptus



Koalas use their well developed sense of smell to find suitable leaves to eat. Surprisingly these leaves are often found on large and older trees. (Gippsland Times & Maffra Spectator, 28/09/2021, "Concerns over Gippsland's Low Koala Numbers") The koala's unique anatomy enables it to extract nutrients and water from eucalyptus leaves. However this diet provides little energy and so the koala will spend its days resting and sleeping, then feeding during the night.

Koalas are territorial and they mark trees in their habitat with their scent glands. The size of their territory is dependent on the quality and quantity of their preferred food trees. The koala territories overlap to allow for movement during the breeding season. Within that area the koala will have home trees which are the trees that it visits regularly either for food, shelter or rest. (savethekoala.com,"Australia Koala Foundation. How Koalas Live, Socialise & Communicate")

Trees provide protection. If a koala feels unsafe, it will climb the nearest tree. Smaller trees and shrubs are also important for hiding in.

There are nursery trees

where the mother koala leaves the joey during the day and then returns at night to check on it. Eventually the mother deserts the young koala to live on its own completely.

All koalas are dependent on suitable trees in their habitat to survive and stay healthy, and our Strzelecki Koala is the same.

By following the three "P"s : Protect, Prevent and Plant, we can foster our unique koala's continued survival.

We need to protect and maintain its habitat. Let us look after the eucalyptus trees it prefers especially the older mature trees.

Let us prevent further fragmentation of the Strzelecki Koala's precious habitat and encourage the planting of its preferred trees, especially in areas that need wildlife corridors and land rehabilitation.

If you would like to do more or know

more about the Strzelecki Koala contact : the local Landcare groups, Friends of the Strzelecki Koala, SKAT(Strzelecki Koala Action Team) group and Friends of the Morwell National Park.

You can find out more about the Stzelecki Koala by using this link:

<https://www.melbournefoe.org.au/koalas>

Something fun to do.

Visit the Morwell National Park and see if you can find any koalas in the tree tops.

Interesting Facts, March 24, is Eucalyptus Day and Koala Day is September 24.



Like all koalas the Strzelecki Koala relies on trees for its shelter and food.

Although there are many species of eucalyptus trees, koalas are selective. Our Strzelecki Koala prefers

Mountain Grey Gum, Blue Gum and the Strzelecki Gum. Other species of eucalyptus where sightings and scats (poo) of the Strzelecki Koala have been found, are Manna Gum,

Messmate and the Narrow-leaf Peppermint.

(melbournefoe.org.au, "What we do and why_ Strzelecki koala Surveys), (Strzelecki Koala Map, Skat Trees)



Mary and Ray

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Yinnar Community Garden celebrates the completion of the Mosaic Steps



Completion of Mosaic Steps

Great food and a wonderful atmosphere accompanied Yinnar Community Garden's celebration of the completion of the mosaic steps.

Lisa Anderson designed the colourful mosaic with a large compass and motifs for the elementals: earth, fire, air and water, and the four seasons. It was constructed on the amphitheatre steps that were built with a grant from Mirboo North Community Association in 2016.

Lisa and Sari have been working on the mosaic for over a year, with a little help from friends of the garden, it has been a labour of love.

Sari quipped that it took quite a long time due to Lisa's attention to detail. Sari and Lisa, the multi-talented Anderson sisters, have now designed all the mosaic elements envisioned for the garden, with the central circle mosaic designed by Sari, and the outdoor kitchen splashback



Festive spread featuring organic locally grown fruit.

designed by Lisa and constructed via community workshops.

Members of the YCG

toasted Sari and Marita (who stood in for Lisa who was visiting her new granddaughter) with bubbly then shared a healthy afternoon tea. This featured organic locally grown fresh fruit including watermelon, rockmelon, figs, peaches and tasty home baked goods with herbal teas of Lemon Verbena and Anise Myrtle from the garden. There was much discussion about Sari's watermelon and rockmelon that both started from seed at the YCG, and were then transplanted to a sunny plot in Yinnar where they thrived with regular watering when needed.

The celebration was preceded by our AGM where the new committee for 2022 was elected with - President - Catheryn Thompson, Secretary - Rosemary Abetz Rouse, Minutes Secretary - Lisa Anderson, Treasurer - Sari Anderson.

For membership details or more information contact yinnarcg@gmail.com.

Plants in my Garden

By Mike Beamish

Species: *Correa lawrenceana* var. *latrobeana*.

Family:

Rutaceae.

Derivation: Correa:

Named after Jose Francisco Correa de Serra (1751-1823), permanent secretary, Royal Academy of Sciences, Lisbon, Portugal.

lawrenceana: Named after R.W. Lawrence (1807-33), an English botanical collector who was recruited by W. Hooker to collect in Tasmania in 1830.

latrobeana: Named after Charles Joseph La Trobe, Superintendent and later Lieutenant Governor (1851) of Port Phillip, Victoria.

Common Name: Mountain Correa.

Distribution:

In remnant, wet, mountain forest along the Great Dividing Range in Victoria and southern NSW and in the Otway and Strzelecki Ranges.

Description:

Usually a small tree to 5m tall, but some populations can be up to 16m tall. Leaves are elliptic to ovate and up to 120mm long, velvety hairy underneath but becoming smooth and green with age on top. Flowers can occur in groups of three at the end of

branchlets and are tubular to 30mm long, greenish-yellow, with a rusty-hairy cup-shaped calyx to 7mm long that has either wavy margins or small linear lobes to 3mm long.

Opinion:

Not commonly cultivated, my plant came from a Correa Study Group meeting a few years ago (June 2017), where cuttings were available for members to try. My efforts were successful and one of the successes was subsequently planted on the western wall of the house (winter 2018). It has prospered reasonably well since then and is currently about a metre tall and broad. It flowered for the first time in early 2020 and though the flowers are not particularly colourful, the birds like them and the plant itself is good for hiding the ugly brick wall behind a dense screen of green leaves. It is nearly time to consider taking some cuttings from my



plant, to continue distributing plants around local gardens and to return the favour at the next Correa Study Group gathering.

The Australian Plants Society Latrobe Valley Group hosts monthly activities, excursions and/or meetings. Interested persons are welcome to join in, please contact Mike for more information, email mcandcjb@gmail.com or phone 0447 452 755.

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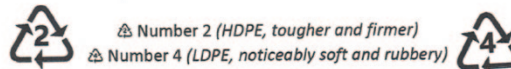
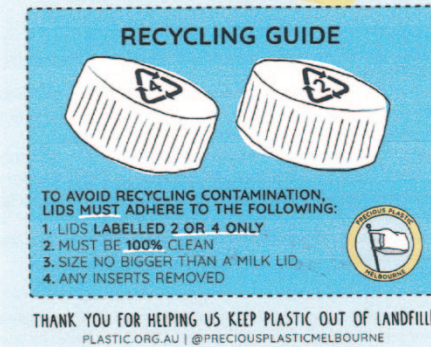
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Subsequent development

The Housing Commission of Victoria designed and in 1967 erected a memorial for Winston Churchill for the new town of Churchill. The memorial was located in the courtyard of the original West Place Shopping Centre. The plan for the design describes the memorial as a "Moving Water Feature" but it was commonly known as a fountain. The memorial consisted of a white quartz veneer structure with basins at five levels. As a result of the recent redevelopment of the West Place Shopping Centre, the memorial was dismantled.

As interpretative signage was never placed at the Moving Water Feature, it is not generally known by Churchill residents that the structure was erected at the original shopping centre as a memorial for Winston Churchill.

This is in contrast to the naming of the town of Churchill.

The Housing Commission of Victoria wrote to the Shire of Morwell requesting the Council to recommend a name for the new town. Council unanimously resolved to recommend the town be named Hazelwood as Hazelwood was the name of the surrounding district.

On January 24, 1965 Winston Churchill, the British wartime Prime Minister died. Lindsay Thompson suggested the town should be named Churchill to honour Churchill's leadership of Great Britain during World War 11. On February 8, 1965 Cabinet unanimously agreed to that recommendation. On March 15, 1965 the name Churchill was proclaimed by Mr Reg Lord, Secretary of the Shire of Morwell.

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Naming controversy

The naming of Churchill's streets and places has generally been a simple administrative process with the lack of public consultation. Naming decisions have not created much interest or controversy

A Churchill & District History Series



Looking Back...

...through the eyes of local residents



Hazelwood North Community Hall (Continued)

By Leo Billington

As written in the CDN March 2022 edition, Hazelwood North's new hall was soon used by a wide community, extremely keen to let everyone around know that this community played a central role in both the former Morwell and Traralgon Shires.

As a new replacement hall, the wooden structure was used until another fire dealt a blow, but Hazelwood North was not defeated, and another hall was found and placed on-site.

Historical records write this replacement hall was an old building bought and moved from Traralgon. Previously it was used by Mr Rowe, a Traralgon based commercial agent and tax assessor.

This partly built hall was sited on land opposite the school – land donated by Mr Charlie Jones, adjoining the church and tennis courts. Working bees completed this building enabling its use to be enjoyed by "all and sundry".

Those locals capable of trawling their faint memories recall a November storm when thunderous rain and lightning belted the hall – throwing "it about like a pack of cards". Working bees and some paid carpenters subsequently completed urgent renovation work.

That hall is now the crowning glory of Hazelwood North – and the other hall over Hazelwood South way was locked up, until recently.

Since those eventful years after 1947, the Hazelwood North Community Hall has accommodated play groups, dances, concerts, parties, kitchen teas, card nights, Sunday School classes, badminton and tennis functions. Once, during the late 1950's, school classes were in the hall due to some early overcrowding at Hazelwood North State School.

In November 1900, a large number of residents of North Hazelwood met in the (as it was known) Mechanics' Hall, to arrange some means by which to perpetuate the memory of the late Trooper G. W. Bolding. He died of enteric fever at Pretoria, South Africa on October 24, 1900, aged 25 years. Mr. M. McDonald occupied the chair, and stated the object of the meeting was to decide on erecting a memoriam in honour of the late Trooper G. W. Bolding, who died in South Africa.

Tragically, the Memorial Tablet for



Trooper George Bolding was lost when fire destroyed the Morwell Mechanics' Institute hall on Thursday January 10, 1935.

In July 1905, a grand ball was held in the hall under the auspices of the Quadrille Assembly. The quadrille was frequently danced to a medley of opera melodies. Performed by four couples in a rectangular formation, it was apparently related to American square dancing.

In mid-April, 1915, as reported in the Morwell Advertiser, a successful concert was held in the Hazelwood North Hall raising £10 for the Belgian Relief Fund. This was an international organisation that arranged for the supply of food to German-occupied Belgium and northern France during the First World War.

In June 1929, a Country Party Social Evening was promoted to the wider district. It was a Friday night and while the weather was reported to be foul, "a fair number of people attended".

Two main topics featured for serious discussion that night – that the brown coal deposits at Gelliondale must not be developed by private enterprise, only by government.

Also of concern was about a rumour that residents from the Kew Asylum would be moved to Gippsland. It seems this rumour really made its mark in the community – many feared that if this were true, "Pentridge would be the next place to be moved here".

On a Thursday evening June 20, 1935, a kitchen tea was given to Miss Bolding in the hall. There was a large gathering with many speakers wishing her "the happiest future". Speeches were interspersed by several musical items and recitations.

Even better, and in the interests of happiness for everyone, it was reported that "a presentation of a tennis

racquet was made to Mr C Jones by Mr Woolacott, on behalf of the men-folk of the district".

Two days later, Miss Thelma Bolding married Mr Charles Jones in the Hazelwood North church. Afterwards their reception was held in the hall.

As an interesting conclusion to this part of Hazelwood North history, the Morwell Advertiser in April 1954 reported:

"Hazelwood North School committee requested the Council to have section of Church Rd. in front of the Hazelwood North school and residence sealed. Cr. D. J. White said that sealing was necessary because of the dust menace and was essential from a health point of view.

His motion, seconded by Cr. C. Bond, that the sealing be carried out at a convenient time, was defeated.

An amendment by Crs. Ronald and Pettigrew that the work be referred to the estimates, was carried. Shire engineer, Mr. Connan reported that £1000 had been granted to be spent on the road, and that it was possible that if it might be given a crushed rock surface."

It is worthy to note this section of Church Road, albeit sealed, is actually akin to a crowded Monash Freeway on any Easter late afternoon Thursday during certain times of any weekday.

About 30 years ago, correspondence from the Hazelwood North School Council to the then Morwell City Council, asked for a street light to signify this section of road is actually a community centre. A school, church, tennis courts and cricket pitch comprised a centre as it was reasonably thought.

The request was flatly refused – because it was argued, most people live in the then Traralgon Shire anyway, so it is their problem.



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Vale Judith Bell

These memories were spoken at the memorial service for Judith by her eldest granddaughter Ashley.

“Judith, or Jude as some call her, was born on December 3, 1939 – just in time for her most beloved tradition – Christmas.

An only child of Ivy May Shaw and Frank Arthur Ward – Judith’s middle name was that of her mother’s, May. A name passed down through generations including to my mother, Caroline, and to me.

Born in Romsey, Judith spent her younger years in the Macedon Ranges before her family moved to Melbourne, where Judith attended Camberwell Grammar until she was 15.

It was then that Judith started her career in floristry – a dream come true.

Judith had always loved flowers and as a 10 year old girl sat on the floor of her grandmother’s flower shop in Glenferry.

Judith’s passion for flowers and gifted approach to her profession continued throughout her more than 50 year career in floristry, and in 1993 she was inducted into the Australian Florist and Allied Trades Hall of Fame.

Judith’s mentorship of apprentice florists throughout the years conveyed her enthusiasm for the craft. I too recall sitting on the floor of Judith’s florist shop in Wattle Park, when she owned it in the 1980s and 90s.

However, far greater than her love for flowers was the love Judith had for her husband Ron. A twist of fate brought Judith and Ron together in 1958, when

Judith accompanied her mother to an event called “Back to Romsey”.

Ron’s mother and Judith’s mother both grew up in Romsey, and returned for the shindig. Her handsome young son Ron accompanied his mother to the “Back to Romsey” event, a last-minute change as Ron’s elder brother John was meant to accompany her.

Ron and Judith’s stars collided that day in Romsey and the rest as they say is history. Their chance meeting led to what I can only describe as one of the greatest love stories I have ever heard. It truly is one for the ages.

After marrying in 1960, Ron and Judith settled in Bairnsdale Victoria. They

welcomed their daughter Caroline into the world and then their son Craig.

Ron and Judith’s love story is 63 years long and I am sure they loved each other more with every day that passed. They were best friends and shared a love like no other.

Their marriage was not without significant struggle, challenge and hardship – particularly in the early years when their children were young. Like coal under pressure, the hard times produced a spectacular diamond. A marriage, a bond, a love everlasting, unbreakable and simply beautiful.

Judith was passionate about people and about



working with people to help them be the best they could be. The saying ‘the only way you should look down on someone is if you’re reaching down to help them up’ personified Judith and she lived her life in this way.

From 1966, Judith and Ron ran a Boy’s Home in Olinda. The boys in the home were there under care and protection orders from the court and Judith cared very much for the young men under their charge.

Many of the boys still remember Judith to this day with fondness and gratitude, upon hearing of her passing recalling her to quote ‘an extraordinary lady’ who ‘provided guidance, support and care’. I have no doubt of Judith’s positive influence

on many of these young men and I know that being a part of their lives was an incredible privilege for Judith.

While at the Boys Home, and as if they didn’t quite have enough to do (!), Judith and Ron started fostering weeks old pre-adoption babies through the Church – sometimes two at a time.

This was a service that Judith delighted in and over the course of a few years Judith and Ron cared for 98 babies before they found their new adoptive parents.

People remembered Judith from this time and one time – after many years – she was accosted by a woman in Townsville while they were travelling

and recalled Judith as “the baby lady”! Judith thought nothing of travelling long distances, babies in tow, to care for others during this time.

Judith joined the Bennetswood Lion’s Club 30 years ago. Her demonstrable love and commitment to being there for people who needed it drew her to a community of people looking to serve their community.

As a child, I had the good fortune of going along to many Lions events with Nanna and Pa and whenever I did – I could see why they were part of the organisation. The sense of shared commitment, a passion to make the community a better and more equitable place for everyone was obvious.

The early years of their marriage led Judith to be a member of Al-Anon for more than 55 years and she had not only a long lasting impact on the community but made lifelong friends many of whom attended the service.

Judith’s involvement in Al-Anon was intertwined with who she was.

Her ability to relate to people from all walks of life, to share and support without judgement or expectation helped countless people through bad times and good.

Judith attended Al-Anon meetings right up until her health prevented her from

doing so.

Judith caring for others was Judith to the core. Whether it was people without families at Christmas, women seeking refuge from violence or needy, annoying, grandchildren Judith was a caregiver and gave with everything she was.

Part of this caring extended to Judith’s delight in a long chat on the phone. I’m reliably informed she melted no less than three phone cords back in the day they had them, as she chatted on the phone while preparing dinner.

Judith loved to travel with Ron and over their lives together, they shared many wonderful adventures. It was one of the most difficult things about her changing health – the inability to travel across Australia sharing the 12 steps program.

Judith was a force of nature. She was indomitable. She was extraordinary. She was wonderful.

She held tightly to her Christian beliefs but also her sense of justice, of community and of her unending well of faith.

She had limitless faith that things will work out, faith in people, faith that people can change, that they can be a better version of themselves tomorrow than they were today if they wanted it. She believed you should change what you can and make peace with the rest.

She loved fiercely and forgave without question.

There has never been anyone quite like her and there never will be. Rest in peace.”

Two local community groups join forces to address food insecurity



The Morwell Neighbourhood House’s (MNH) People’s Kitchen initiative has been doing incredible work for the most vulnerable in our community by providing nutritious meals to those in need.

The Latrobe Health Assembly recently embarked on a joint research program with MNH to identify ways of expanding the service, its’ reach and, importantly, looking at ways of tackling food insecurity before the need even arises to seek the support of the People’s

Kitchen.

This research identified a number of fresh opportunities and has resulted in the partnership of the Latrobe Health Assembly and the Morwell Neighbourhood House to begin rolling out a suite of new initiatives over the

coming two years.

Led by Dr Helen Smith at RMIT University, the research explored ways of increasing access to food for our diverse community. It also seeks to provide training, and, for some, to equip participants with a recognised qualification at the end of the journey.

Latrobe Health Assembly Chair Ms Tanya Rong said “The People’s Kitchen is one of those initiatives that quietly goes about its business of supporting those in need.

Our goal is not to change the community-focused nature of the People’s Kitchen, it is to provide its clients with a ‘whole of person’ support package including education and support opportunities outside of MNH, while supporting the immediate food relief where required.

We are not simply

boosting the funding of MNH’s People’s Kitchen, we are working with the incredible team to expand the level of support they offer”.

Morwell Neighbourhood House Coordinator Tracie Lund said “We are extremely grateful to the Latrobe Health Assembly for the opportunity to partner with them to scale up our People’s Kitchen program.

Programs like the People’s Kitchen work from the presumption that our community is resourceful and resilient. Partnering with the Latrobe Health Assembly allows us to activate our resources to expand our People’s Kitchen.”

Key project deliverables include:

Involving relevant community agencies in the People’s Kitchen, Food

Bank and community garden activities.

Reaching out to communities in the Latrobe Valley who are marginalised in relation to access to resources and services.

Framing the Food Bank and People’s Kitchen as key points of access for clients and volunteers to government, health, and community services.

Offering access for People’s Kitchen participants to formal training, skills recognition, and vocational qualifications.

Investigate ways to engage secondary schools in addressing relevant aspects of food security, and assess the feasibility for senior secondary students to participate in relevant aspects of the People’s Kitchen concept.

Melina Bath MP

March was a busy time with some important issues being raised in State Parliament.

On the spot fines for farm trespass finally passed

In some good news for Latrobe Valley farmers, important protections for farmers and their employees, in the form of 'on-the-spot' fine have finally passed through state parliament.

It has been three and half years since the Gippy Goat in Yarragon was raided by animal activists and livestock stolen, and two years since the Parliamentary Inquiry I established, recommended 'on-the-spot' fines in Victoria.

The farm trespass inquiry exposed serious flaws in farm trespass laws in Victoria.

Victoria has witnessed some of the country's most aggressive farm invasions with families and workers left traumatised as a result.

I moved amendments during debate to double the maximum fine for illegal farm invasion in line with Queensland and NSW and close a loophole on licensed river frontages, but they were blocked.

While improved protections are now in place

for our Gippsland, they need to go further. I will now be pursuing the state government to expedite the farm biosecurity regulations behind this legislation.

Victoria's agriculture industry contributes billions to our regional, state and national economy and I will continue to support our hardworking farmers so they can be better protected from harassment at the hands of illegal animal activists

Support for parents and new babies returns

The reopening of the Agnes Parent and Infant Unit at Latrobe Regional Hospital was a win for parents and babies in the Gippsland region.

The Agnes Parent and Infant Unit is a dedicated service helping new parents in Gippsland struggling with living with a newborn, including feeding and sleeping disorders and postnatal depression and anxiety.

It was vital for the centre to be operating and provide new parents and babies in the Latrobe Valley mental health support.

During the pandemic Latrobe Regional Hospital's parent and infant mental health unit was closed three



times, much to the dismay of families in need and its hardworking staff.

Our highly skilled nursing and midwifery team helps parents who may be struggling with their babies for a range of reasons, it also plays a large role in supporting the mental health of parents.

It is incredibly important to provide proactive and positive support for new parents and the development of their babies through a continuous and integrated support and health services.

Cutting off family mental health supports when many individuals were suffering after prolonged periods of isolation from multiple lockdowns was the wrong decision.

In a win for parents and babies in Gippsland, I am pleased to report the Agnes parent and infant unit at

Pat celebrates with friends and family



On Pat Hunter's 80th birthday invited friends and family gathered at Café Alfa for morning tea. It was a delightful time of fellowship and noisy chatter. So good to catch up face to face.

Pat's daughter Sarah lit the candles on Pat's cup cake birthday cake and we all sang Happy Birthday as Pat blew out the candles. A happy occasion and one we all felt privileged to attend as we hold Pat in high esteem. She is a caring, loving friend. May you have many more birthdays Pat.

Latrobe Regional Hospital has resumed.

Regional Roads

Infrastructure Australia's Regional Strengths and Infrastructure Gaps report zeroed in on an urgent need to invest more into Victoria's neglected regional roads.

It found a lack of adequate investment in maintenance in Victoria is hampering the freight transport supply chain, with the network in some

regions "not designed to support larger freight traffic".

Meanwhile, regional communities were missing out on benefits of increased tourism and population growth because the country road network isn't up to scratch.

This important report was a blueprint for better connecting regional communities. It is clear regional roads in Latrobe Valley need greater state

government investment.

My office receives weekly calls from constituents raising the state of regional roads with specific concerns about safety and how the lack of infrastructure is hampering industry.

If there is a specific local road that needs addressing – I encourage you to contact my office on

5174 7066 or email me the details on melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au.

Streetgames



Big Sports Day, Skate Club and so much more

On Thursday March 10, Streetgames provided The Big Sports Day 2022 alongside 22 partner organisations. With over 220 people in attendance, The Big Sports Day 2022 was an outstanding success for the Latrobe community.

Attractions included an inflatable dartboard, big jenga, therapy dogs, vision goggles, sausage sizzle, live music, free showbags, and much more. The event was an opportunity for local organisations to come together, connecting the community with their organisation.

This year was the biggest event to date with participants reporting "This year was way better" and "this is really fun". Participants shared their thoughts on the day, "we enjoyed the great live music" and "therapy dogs are very cute". "It was great to have sport and art in the same

space, we can't wait for next year" one family shared.

Streetgames would like to extend a huge thank you to the partner organisations, as well as all the participants who came down to have some fun.

Streetgames is currently seeking passionate people to join our crew. We currently have positions available for a Skate/Scoot Scholarship, casual Social Sport Crew and Skate and/or Scoot coaches. Full training will be provided free of charge to successful candidates. If you are passionate about sports and recreation, please email Den at Den@gippsport.com.au to express your interest.

As of Term 1 2022, Gippsport Streetgames has been offering sporting schools and special Olympics classes to local schools. Streetgames is currently providing programming for three schools during Term 1, with more schools signing up for Term 2.

GippSport Streetgames

are excited to be partnering with Football Victoria to bring you another Go Soccer Mums program, Go Soccer Mums Morwell.

Go Soccer Mums is not just for mums - but for all women, from all walks of life! It doesn't matter if you have never kicked a football before, everyone is welcome. Our fantastic coach Hannah tailors the program to the participants' level, resulting in a truly unique program.

Women and children have been made to feel included by our coach Hannah, as she not only provides an inclusive program for the women, but fun activities for the children to keep them entertained while she runs the GO Soccer Mums program. If you are interested in signing up for the free program, leave us a message on Facebook @latrobestreetgames.

Streetgames will be hosting Skate and Scoot events across Gippsland

during April. Streetgames, in partnership with AtlasCo Kids and AtlasCo Online are giving away a Root Industries Invictus 2 Scooter to one lucky winner.

All participants who attended a Skate Competition between January and March and left their contact details on the participant registration will go into the draw.

Stay tuned to our socials for the announcement of the winner.

We have recently launched a second Skate Club. We are now providing Skate Club on Mondays in Drouin and Tuesdays in Morwell.

Skate Club is a professionally delivered program by trained local coaches who are highly skilled, experienced, and passionate about riding. If this is something that interests you, please email den@gippsport.com.au to secure your spot.

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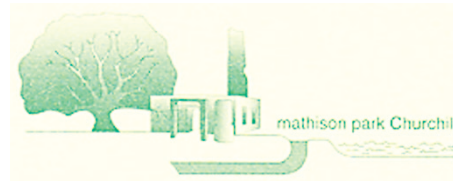
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A Story in a Stamp

The Treaty of Waitangi New Zealand was settled by the Maoris, a Polynesian race from the Pacific Islands, as early as the 1300s. There is some evidence of earlier settlement, but no written history. European exploration of the area is verified by charts of Abel Tasman in 1642 and Captain James Cook in the 1770s. The discovery of these settled islands by the Europeans led to the increased trading carried out between the Maoris and the commercial sealers and whalers from Europe and America.

The trade allowed the visiting ships to stay away from home longer and introduced the Maoris to the technology of the developing world. It also coincided with the beginning of Australian settlement nearby, which led to the administration of the islands being given to the colony of New South Wales. This nearby European settlement led also to the setting up of missionary settlements in New Zealand to spread Christianity to the inhabitants. The first of these was led by the Reverend Samuel Marsden, the official leader of the Church of England in New South Wales. These settlements were able to expand by buying land from

the Maori chiefs.

This practice was noted in England by Edward Wakefield who set up the New Zealand Company and announced its buying of large tracts of land in New Zealand for settlement. Wakefield's beliefs were considered by the British Government to be too radical, so a representative was sent out in 1839 to thwart Wakefield's plans. The representative, Captain William Hobson, drew up a treaty written in English and Maori which gave the Maori chiefs sovereignty of all their lands under the protection of the British Crown.

In 1840 this treaty was initially signed by forty chiefs at Waitangi in the North Island and copies were then taken to other tribal chiefs for signatures to ratify the treaty. Not all chiefs signed, and not all chiefs were approached, but the final draft treaty was sufficient for the moment. The treaty allowed the tribal chiefs to sell unwanted land to the

pakehas, white settlers, and to carry on the cultural Maori practises within their tribal lands.

Maoris were granted all the rights and privileges of British citizens. The British Government gained sovereignty over the whole of the country. Who benefited most? Well, it depends which language you are interpreting and herein lies its weakness, which still survives today. In 1841 New Zealand became a self-governing colony. All previous land sales were declared null and void and within a few years, land could be sold only to the British Crown for cash, which was not to the liking of some of the chiefs so from 1842 until the 1860s local wars were fought over land. However, the treaty provided a framework for a prosperous future for New Zealand. The signing of the Treaty of Waitangi was the subject of the halfpenny stamp in the New Zealand Centennial set issued in 1940.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL NORTH PRIMARY

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habits for the future. Not only is active travel good for your health, but it is also good for the environment too! Riding, walking, scooting or skating to school

means there are fewer cars on the road. Ms Lugton said, "It was great to see so many students on their wheels today. We had nearly 100

students start their day being active, riding, scooting, skating or walking to school with friends or family. Then during the day teachers from all grades allocated time for the

students to be active at school, they made a course for the students to follow with witches' hats. All students were so excited about the day".



1st photo from left to right: Ashlyn, Lily and Eldana
2nd photo: Harley, Tyson, Paul and Charlie
3rd photo: Brother and sister Zoe and Xavier

SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI JUNIOR CAMPUS

On Friday March 18, Kurnai College joined the National Day of Action

against Bullying. The theme for 2022 is 'kindness culture'. Churchill Campus

encourages conversations with students to promote inclusion and

respect. Students were treated to music by our college band

and many goodies that Youth Space provided. The orange snacks were well received by

all. It was great to see all students participating, together.



SCHOOL NEWS

KURNAI UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

This term our Year 10 VCAL students went to Licola Wilderness Village on a working bee to repair and paint essential amenities. Here are their recounts of their adventure:
Lachlan: My favourite part of Licola was fishing for rainbow trout. It was fun catching trout and watching them come out of the rapids and smashing the Tasmanian spinner.
In Licola we went on a night walk and a morning walk, went fishing in the

river, worked and fixed the decking and putt putt course and jumped on the trampolines.
Connor: My favourite part of Licola was fishing with Lachlan
Jade: My favourite part of Licola was swimming and just relaxing, chilling.
It was a good way to relax and just be in complete ZEN.
My proudest moment was coming out of my comfort zone and talking a lot more and helping others out a bit

more.
While we were at Licola we replaced a deck and painted two tables.
We went for a night and morning walk, we went swimming, we did yoga and just relaxed which was pretty fun.
Riley: My favourite part of Licola was fishing with Lachie and catching a couple of rainbow trout. It was a good time.
My proudest moment was probably when me and Lachie repaired the mini golf

course.
Jamal: My favourite part of Licola was fishing.
Blaze: My favourite part of Licola was walking up the river.
My proudest moment was when we finished the deck.
Latiesha: My favourite part of Licola was going swimming and bouncing around on the trampoline.
In Licola, we went for a swim after spending three or four hours of working, sanding, painting, re-decking and raking up leaves.

Paige: My favourite part of Licola was waking up to go for a morning walk along the river.
The scenery was really beautiful, and it was just a really nice walk.
My proudest moment was finishing painting two tables for the camp and helping with the cooking.
In Licola we were helping them with doing things around there like painting the tables and building a whole new ramp for them.

Bree: My favourite part of Licola was when we got free time to go for walks and do other stuff.
My proudest moment was when we got the two tables painted before we left.
The boys built a new ramp and we also helped with cooking.
Tray: My favourite part of Licola was when we went for a fish and a swim.
We caught a few fish and we brought one of the fish back to camp and cooked them.



SCHOOL NEWS

HAZELWOOD NORTH PRIMARY

HNPS House Sports

On March 18, Hazelwood North Primary School held their annual Athletics House Sports. Students competed against their fellow House Teams in a range of events like shot put, discus, relays, long and short distance running races, long jump, and high jump. It was terrific to see the resilience and sportsmanship displayed on the day. Our students should feel very proud of their efforts. Congratulations to Blue House for taking out the cup! Wishing all our students the best of luck when they attend the Yinnar District Athletics Sports Day on March 31.

activities with their teachers and parent helpers. Activities included doll making, playing old fashioned games, watching a blacksmith hard at work, and visiting an historical school classroom with an extremely strict teacher. The children were even surprised with a ride on the fire truck. We all had smiles on our faces throughout the day and the weather was perfect.

Here are a some of the highlights from the day as quoted by our 1/2 children:

“I loved how we got to go on the fire truck” – Ebony

“I liked the fountain photos and the fountain” – Harvey

“I’m glad we don’t get strapped anymore at school” – Oliver

“I liked the fire truck because it went fast over the bumps” – Phoebe

“The fire truck was very, very fun” – Maisy

“I liked how the blacksmith made a leaf” – Alexei

“I liked when we went in our groups” – Chloe

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair has visited us recently at Hazelwood North Primary School. The theme this year was ‘Dive into Reading’. A number of our extremely helpful senior students signed up to be Book Fair assistants and supported our amazing librarian, Kaye, to sell books, posters, stationery and small toys.

Our assistants also ran a fun colouring competition for students of all ages to enjoy. It was wonderful to see the number of students lining up to buy books so they too can ‘dive into reading’ and immerse themselves in some more terrific literature.



SCHOOL NEWS

LUMEN CHRISTI PRIMARY



Foundation students: Harkin, Anok and Macey making crespèdi

At Lumen Christi Primary School, the children made pancakes on Shrove Tuesday to link into their Religious Education lessons. Pancakes are associated with Shrove Tuesday, the day preceding Lent. Making pancakes is a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent begins. Many people today still take part in this Catholic tradition.

As part of their Italian lessons, the children also made Italian treats on Shrove Tuesday, known as ‘Martedì Grasso’ in Italy. They made links to the Italian culture and traditions which are also

closely tied to the Catholic traditions in Italy, whereby they use up all their sugary treats before the 40 days of Lent, which in Italy often involves fasting, praying and almsgiving. The children spoke in Italian when making their treats and participated in some fun cultural activities.

The children made Crespèdi, a popular sugary Italian donut popular in Calabria, in the Southern region of Italy. Klancy from Year 5 said; ‘Can I have the recipe please Signora so I can make these at home’. Esme from Year 1 said, “This is the best day ever”.



Emmanuele, Lucas and Harrison from Year 1 enjoying Italian cooking

SCHOOL NEWS

BOOLARRA PRIMARY



Sports Day

On Thursday March 17 we had our Boolarra Primary School sports day. It was a hot day. We did the distance run first, which was 400m. I was on my green bike and dad ran with me. The other events were high jump, long jump, shot put, discus and sprints. I am in the yellow and blue house which we called Irvleki. We had our chant; it goes like this:

Yellow and blue, we are true,
Together we will do our best, better than all the rest.
We're as bright as the sun, as cool as the breeze,

Yellow and blue, sand and sea, we are the beach house

Go Irvleki.

Halfway through the day Mrs Duncan brought out some icy poles. I had a yellow one and it was sour.

The bit that was my favourite was the presentation because I

I liked the day very much.

By Cooper Campbell.

On 17/3/2022 Boolarra Primary school had their sports day. There were two teams, Morrowluna and Irvleki. We had to put two teams together because we don't have a lot of people at our school.

We set up the equipment so there was a different place for each event. People came to the school and painted marks for each event. We also set up the house tents. There was a blue tent for one team and a red tent for the other.

On sports day we had six events: long distance, long jump, high jump, shotput, discus and sprints. We had points for each event. The highest you could get was three points, the middle number of points was two and the lowest was one.

When we got up to doing long jump one of

Morrowluna! There was also a sportsmanship award and it went to.... Irvleki! Each team got a trophy. At the end of the awards the house captains had to give a speech. The Morrowluna house captains are Toby G and Corey. The Irvleki house captains are Ryleigh and Matilda.

Then the bell rang. Everybody rushed outside and went home.

By Violet

Upcoming events

Our upcoming events at Boolarra Primary School are the Sale Art Gallery, Licola Camp and Yinnar and District Sports. I am really excited to go.

Sale Art Gallery

We have to go on a bus for one hour to get to Sale

Licola camp

Licola is going to be my first school camp so I am really excited. We will be picking up the Yinnar South students as they are going to



liked when the winner was announced. Our house didn't win, the red and green won however, we won the sportsmanship award for cheering the best. I also got high jump event champion with Ryder and Ericka.

the teachers, Mrs. Smith, brought out icy poles! There were sour icy poles and normal icy poles.

After a long hot day of doing lots of sports we finally had a winner. The winner was....

camp with us.

Yinnar and districts sports

On March 31, Boolarra Primary School will go to the Yinnar and District Sports day in Yinnar. Last year we came fourth. This year we hope to do better than last.



From Ruby

Synthetic turf

In the past week we have had fake grass installed, in the eating area.

It's a bit rough but it's still good

The New Grass

On Tuesday some workers came to our school

Now that we're allowed on it, I play on it all the time. The grass is so comfortable. I love it.

By Angela



It was installed last Tuesday and it looks really nice.

The eating area used to have concrete and two green tables.

I think it was a good idea for the workers to put in fake grass because it prevents people from getting hurt.

It was a very good decision.

It's very cool, you can take off your shoes and play in the grass.

I'm happy that there's fake grass put in the eating area.

to put some fake new grass in the eating area.

They started with removing the table and cleaning all the rubbish off the ground. Then they got some rolled up fake grass out of the trailer. They measured the fake grass and the eating area to make sure it would fit.

The workers did lots of cuts and adjustments to the fake grass to make sure it would cover the whole entire eating area.

When they finished, they told everyone not to touch the grass for 24 hours.

The Sugar Glider Project

Some of the Boolarra Primary School students were interested in going to the sugar glider project.

The people there talked about how sugar gliders live in old gum trees with holes in them. Also sugar glider poo smells like gum leaves because they eat the leaves and the smell from those leaves stays all the way down the digestive system.

From James

SCHOOL NEWS

YINNAR PRIMARY

What a wonderful beginning to the school year. It is hard to believe we are moving quickly towards the end of Term 1!

It has been great to visit the classrooms and see happy and engaged faces as students settle into routines and their learning programs.

Students have been very enthusiastic about sharing their learning, and commenting on the importance of using our core values in the classroom and also the playground.

Recently we held our House Fun Night, BBQ and games.

The children really enjoyed dressing up in house colours and having fun with their parents.

It was terrific to see many of our new families joining us.

It is a great way to meet other parents and feel a part of our school community.

Our twelve House Captains did a fantastic job of organising and running the activities. We are very impressed with their leadership skills already.

Congratulations to all of our students who competed at the District Swim Carnival at Churchill Leisure Centre. All the students did their very best and can be proud of their efforts. Well done to April, Xavier, Alex, Jacinta, Ivy, Sage, Taylah, Izzy Lilly, Marli, Elyse, Sophia, Caity and Aiden. We had a group of excited students

qualify for the Division Championships. Despite some tough competition, our students showed up with determination and resilience and swam their very best.

Congratulations and well done to the following swimmers Alex, Sage, Jacinta, Taylah, Sophia, Izzy, and April.

Our 5/6 students attended a 3-day camp at The Summit (Trafalgar East). This adventure camp focussed on building teamwork, resilience, confidence and personal growth.

The students faced challenges and were definitely out of their comfort zone. The camp and school followed COVID safe guidelines and staff must

be thanked for their efforts for this camp to go ahead as scheduled.

It was a great experience for all students and staff.

Our very impressive school leaders attended a special leadership day facilitated by Mrs Coffin and Miss Gill.

The students learnt more about the attributes of a successful leader and the expectations of their roles and responsibilities for 2022.

Each leader has set their own leadership goal such as improving public speaking, having more confidence in their ideas and being a better listener.

At Yinnar we encourage all students to be leaders and remind students that they

do not need a badge to be a leader at our school.

Whilst this day is a fabulous opportunity for our leaders, we aim to develop leadership skills in all students throughout the year.

We are very excited to have some building works taking place at the school.

We currently have two projects, the toilet upgrade and the delivery of a relocatable art facility.

The upgrade to the student toilets is part of a facilities grant we received last year.

The new building will become our performing arts room.

Both projects should be completed by the end of this term.

There are some exciting activities planned for the last few weeks of this term and are looking forward to Yinnar & District Sports Day which is a fun day of athletic competition between all our neighbouring schools.

Our Junior School Council is very busy organising our famous Easter Fair which will be held on the very last day of Term 1.

All funds raised from the day are donated to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Our School Captains this year are Abbey, Finn, Lavinia and Rose.



Left: School Leaders Rose, Lavinia, Finn and Abbey.
Centre: Leaders at Leadership Day
Right: New Building



School Swim Team Participants Below.



SCHOOL NEWS

CHURCHILL PRIMARY

A great start to 2022!

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year at Churchill Primary School. This year we have welcomed 22 new Foundation students and 12 students in other year levels and everyone has settled in well! We also welcome two new teachers, Ms Neesha Simmons in Grade 5/6 and Mrs Rebekah Howard in ICT, as well as two fourth year student teacher interns, Miss Tiara Vjaler and Mr Jackson Chin, to our team of staff.

Grade 5 – Camp Rumbug

COVID 19 certainly dealt some blows over the last two years and due to all the interruptions and remote learning situations it meant our current Grade 5s had missed out on attending a school camp two years in a row. Our Grade 5s headed off on a special one time only camp, at the start of this year to Camp Rumbug. All the students and teachers had a wonderful time and it

was a memorable experience for them all. They will also have another opportunity later in the year to participate in a Grade 5/6 camp to Melbourne.

CPS School Leaders School Captains

At the end of last year our Grade 5 students were given the opportunity to submit an application for the role of School Captain in 2022. The application process consisted of a written application, an interview and having to give a speech to the senior school body. The positions were then voted on by their peers, with the results being considered alongside their interviews. The following students were successful, congratulations to our 2022 School Captains Sienna Tanti and Mia Fede. They will be assisted by our 2022 School Vice Captains Natalie Baker and Chayce Bowie.

Student Representatives

With a new year comes

new opportunities for students to represent their grades on the Student Representative Council. Voted for by their classroom peers, the following students were elected on to the Student Council and will be able to discuss student concerns and make suggestions on behalf of their classmates:

Grade 3 – Hannah Price and Ryan Stevenson

Grade 4 – Loretta Pearce and Jeremy Melanie

Grade 5/6F – Ruby Galletti and Logan Soall

Grade 5/6S – Grace Kenna and Oskah Hudson

House Captains

A few weeks ago our senior students were given the opportunity to nominate and run for the position of House Captains. Congratulations to the following students who were elected:

Red House – Molly Mulder and Will Selzer

Blue House – Harper

Baker and Tyson McInnes
Green House – Bella Wilson and Jack Towers

Yellow House – Dani James and Zahli Smee

House Athletics Day

What a wonderful Sports Day we had on Tuesday March 15. The weather started off a little cloudy but luckily it turned out to be a beautiful sunny day, and it all went off without a hitch!

A big thank you to all our parents and grandparents who came along to cheer all our sports stars on the day. The students really do get so much out of having you all there to watch them trying their best! Thanks also to all the CPS staff who came out in House Colours and ran the events, cheering with all the students.

The students looked great in their house colours and many went to great lengths to 'colour' hair and faces to cheer their teams on. It was also fantastic to see so many parents and families also

dressing in house colours to support their kids.

The high spirit of the day was very evident and all participants ran, cheered and supported each other with Blue House being our final winners. Congratulations to all the Houses for your wonderful sportsmanship and respect for each other on the day, and the House Captains who did a wonderful job, we are very proud of your efforts.

The final placings for the day were as follows:

Blue 11.45, Yellow 11.03, Red 10.86, Green 10.71

Congratulations to our Age Group Champions, this is a fabulous achievement for you all. Our Age Group Champions are as follows:

5/6 yrs
Matilda Burke and Charlie Kerslake

7 yrs
Evie Dwyer and Adrice Hagger
8 yrs

Kaylee De Pater,
Sienna Wright and Jackson Wakefield

9 yrs
Hannah Price and Summer Wilson

10 yrs
Shimmy Wilson and Kai Ogier

11 yrs
Mia Fede and Tyson McInnes

12/13yrs
Ebony Thomas and Kai Seddon

It was also wonderful to see the fabulous sportsmanship displayed by many of our students.

Congratulations to the following students who received Sportsmanship Awards for their age groups on the day:

5/6 yrs Miya Dunn, 7 yrs Savannah Selzer, 8 yrs Jack Dawe,

9 yrs Logahn Baker, 10 yrs Isla Godfrey, 11 yrs Jack Towers,

12/13yrs Bryce Kuhne



Grade 5 students learn the value of teamwork on a raft at camp Rumbug



Student Representative Council 2022 – Jeremy, Oskah, Loretta, Ruby, Ryan and Logan



School Captains 2022 – Sienna, Natalie, Mia and Chayce

Russell Northe

I trust everyone had a fabulous and safe Easter period. Hard to believe that we are already in Term 2 of the school year as well. Talking about schools, in late March I was thrilled to attend Kurnai College Churchill campus and assist with the presentation of badges to the school's leaders for 2022. They are certainly a very impressive cohort of leaders who will do a wonderful job in representing Kurnai this year. To Kurnai Captains Gabby and Brayden along with Vice-Captains Vic and Archie, congratulations on your respective elections and we wish you well in your roles. In addition, to those students who have taken on positions in the Student Representative Council along with House Captains and Vice-Captains, we also say a big well done and congratulations to you.

In late March it was my pleasure to also attend Federation University Churchill for the 2022 Opening Graduation Ceremony. It was an exciting day for students and their families and I offer my congratulations to those who graduated across a variety of courses and knowing your hard work and dedication has paid off. There was also another recent celebration given it has been ten years since the graduation of the

inaugural class of the Monash University graduate entry medicine program. This program has been vital in training and maintaining medical students and professionals in our region. It is imperative that locals wishing to pursue a career in medicine have the opportunity to study and undertake placement locally where they can.

In sporting news we say well done to the Churchill Cricket Club for their efforts during the 2021/2022 cricket season. Churchill went down to CATS in the Premier "A" Grade Grand final in the Latrobe Valley Cricket League despite the best efforts of John Keighran with the ball and Ryan Harvey with the bat. In the Under 14 competition, Churchill had a great year by making it all the way through to the Grand Final and were defeated by the strong CATS outfit. Well done to all senior and junior Churchill cricketers, coaches and volunteers for their contributions during the 2021/2022 cricket year.

ANZAC Day on April 25, is an opportunity for us to remember and pay respects to our service men and women who have served our country in conflicts and peace keeping efforts past and present. In World War I, Australian and New Zealand forces landed on Gallipoli on April 25, 1915 and met fierce



resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders.

At the end of the Gallipoli campaign more than 8,000 Australian soldiers had died. Gallipoli had a profound impact on Australians at home, and April 25 soon became the day on which Australians remembered the sacrifice of those who died in the war. I encourage all local residents to attend a local ANZAC Day service this year. It is pleasing to see the township of Churchill hosting an event this year and one I look forward to attending myself.

We thank the Morwell RSL Sub-Branch for their support in hosting the Churchill and other local ANZAC Day services. I was able to recently attend the 100 year celebration of the Morwell RSL and we thank each and every single person past and present from this great organisation who have assisted our war veterans and their families.

Lest We Forget.

Churchill manufacturing facility going from strength to strength



Victorian Regional Development Minister Mary-Anne Thomas visited LCHS' dental prosthetics laboratory and university training clinic in March.

Latrobe Community Health Service's (LCHS) state of the art dental prosthetics laboratory and university training clinic is going from strength to strength.

The Churchill based facility, which opened in December 2017 with funding from the Victorian and Commonwealth governments, is manufacturing dentures for the Latrobe Valley, Monash, Bass Coast and Mornington Peninsula communities.

Victorian Regional Development Minister Mary-Anne Thomas toured the site in March after LCHS secured two new contracts with other Victorian community health organisations – Bass Coast Health (2019) and Peninsula Health (2022).

The contracts will inject \$6 million into the Gippsland economy over the next three



years.

"As the service works to continue to sign new contracts, we can hope to see more people come on with LCHS into the future," Ms Thomas said.

LCHS now employs 11 people who are making dentures for Victorians. LCHS also recently celebrated the success of three staff members who completed their dental technician apprenticeships in partnership with RMIT University.

In December, trainee prosthetic laboratory technicians Ashleigh Angwin and Lisa Palmer joined dental technician

Frank Berend in graduating their course in dental technology as part of LCHS' apprenticeship program.

"We're proud of the fact LCHS has been able to create local jobs, build links with the higher education sector, and develop new manufacturing capacity here in the Latrobe Valley," LCHS Board Member Nathan Voll said.

"Community health services have never been more important. We are excited to play a critical role for the community, delivering frontline care and innovative projects like the prosthetics laboratory."

Churchill & Monash Golf Club

Saturday 26/2/22 Monthly Medal.

A Grade - T. Webb 78 (11) 67. B Grade - M. Allen 89 (20) 69. C Grade - C. Gilfillan 98 (26) 72. D Grade - G. Blizzard 88 (28) 60. Medal Winner - G. Blizzard 88 (28) 60. Scratch Winner - T. Webb 78. DTL - J. Barrat 68, S. Gosling 66, L. Anderson 70, G. Barnes 71, P. Jordan 71, G. Byer 71, M. Brereton 71, D. Beyer 72, B. Barnes 73 C/B. NTP - 3rd. T. Webb, 5th M. Brereton, 12th C. Cumming. 14th T. Lio. Putts - G. Blizzard 22. Birdies - 3rd S. Gosling.

Tuesday 01/03/22 Monthly Medal

Scratch Winner - T. Davies 94. Medal Winner - M. Mc Quillen 110 (36) 74 C/B. DTL - C. Barnes. Putts - V. Verheyen 30, S. Caldwell 30. NTP - Ladies - 3rd S. Gosling, 5th L. Brent, 12th C. Barnes, 14th L. Brent.

Saturday 05/03/22 Stableford.

A Grade - R. Sands 39 Pts. DTL - L. Anderson 38

Pts. NTP - 3rd. K. Hogan, 12th J. Barnes, 14th B. Barnes.

Tuesday 08/03/22 Mary Mitchel Day Stableford.

Winner - C. Barnes (39) 39 Pts. Runner Up - M. McConville (28) 38. NTP - Ladies - 3rd S. Martinac, 5th S. Caldwell, 12th L. Brent, 14th S. Turner.

Saturday 12/03/22 Par.

A Grade - R. King (17) +4. B Grade - M. Soppe (18) +4. C Grade - P. Bolding (27) +7. DTL - B.. Rowley +3, T. Webb +3, R. Zomer +1, T. Lio +1, T. Sterrick +1, R. Abel Sq. C/B. P. Chapple Sq. C/B, G. Blizzard Sq. C/B. NTP - 3rd. P. Bolding, 5th M. Brereton, 12th B. Barnes, 14th A. Quinn. Birdies - 3rd. T. Sterrick, 12th B. Barnes. Eagle - 16th P. Junker.

Tuesday 15/03/22 Stableford.

Winner - S. Turner (25) 37. R/Up - C. Cunningham (25) 36. NTP - Ladies -3rd C. Cunningham, 5th C. Cunningham, 12th S. Turner, 14th S. Turner.

Birdies - 3rd. M. Mc Quillen, 3rd. C. Cunningham.

Saturday 19/03/22 2 Person Multi Stableford.

Winners - C. Cummings and B. Cleland 84. Runners Up - C. Stevens and S. Gosling 80. DTL - J. Barnes and A. West 77. C. Gilfillan and S. Caldwell 76. D. Mizzi and D. Chessum 75. J. Soppe and M. Soppe 75. R. Abel and R. Scurlock 73. NTP - 3rd. D. Byers. 5th M. Soppe. 12th J. Sanders (Snr) 14th C. Waring. Birdies - 12th J. Sanders (Snr).

Tuesday 22/03/22 Open Day 4BBB Stableford.

Winners -K. Shaw (20) and S. Gosling (42) 47pts. R/Up - S. Turner (24) and D. Judkins (29) 44pts. 2nd R/Up - J. Batchelor (20) and D. Parker (24) 43 Pts. 3rd R/Up M. Mc Quillen (34) and C. Barnes (38) 40 Pts. NTP Ladies - 3rd D. Parker 5th B. Kelly 14th M. Dear

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Community champions celebrated

Local legends, outstanding events and champion services have been acknowledged at the 2022 Latrobe City Australia Day Awards ceremony, held on Sunday March 27, following COVID-19 related delays.

Glengarry Community Association President Dean Sutton was named citizen of the year for his commitment to innovative community service and event delivery throughout the pandemic. As a founding member of

the Glengarry Events Group, Mr Sutton facilitates a range of community activities including markets, Christmas celebrations, ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day services and more. Mr Sutton is also a founding organiser of the Gippsland Pride Cup and is working to take the LGBTIQ+ positive concept nationally and across other sports.

Long-serving Moe and District Historical Society president Martin Dyt received the senior citizen of

the year award for his strong leadership of the group and his valuable work as Treasurer of the Moe Bowls Club.

The young citizen of the year award went to Bridie Byrne, an exceptional student, girl guide and volunteer. Ms Byrne pipped thousands of Victorian students to win the prestigious Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Award Scholarship from the University of Melbourne. She is a shining role model

for local youth as a senior Girl Guide and has helped raise funds for the local CFA, Cancer Council, Ronald McDonald House and Wear it Purple Day for LGBTQIA+ awareness.

The 65th Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod took the award for event of the year as one of the few performing arts festivals able to take place across Australia in 2021.

The Eisteddfod offered artists and performers the opportunity to display their talents via a combination of

online events and a limited live event held under COVID Safe protocols.

Rotary Club of Traralgon Central delivered the community service of the year with their 'Give a Damn, Give a Can' campaign, collecting canned foods in collaboration with St Vincent De Paul Food Bank.

This year, the club collected a record number of 15,000 plus cans, adding to an estimated total of 230,000 cans of food collected for

distribution to needy families throughout the project's lifespan.

Latrobe City Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan congratulated all nominees and winners. "It is fantastic to recognise the important work you have all put in across our community to help make Latrobe City a special place to live," Councillor O'Callaghan said. All winners and Latrobe City recognition award recipients can be viewed on the Latrobe City website.



Latrobe City Young Citizen of the Year Bridie Byrne with Latrobe City Mayor Kellie O'Callaghan.



Latrobe City Senior Citizen of the Year Martin Dyt.

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